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7. (Confidential - JMM) Called Courtney Pace, Administrative Assistant to Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), to say I understood that Senator Eastland had given his proxy regarding the conference on the Ervin bill to Senator Ervin. Pace said he didn't know--that Eastland was in Mississippi, but that he would remind Eastland of our concern about the bill and asked me to remind him to do so Monday morning.

8. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed our problem with the Ervin bill at considerable length with Mrs. Parker, Senator Hiram L. Fong's (R., Hawaii) Legislative Assistant. She said she had gone over with the Senator the material I left with her and said that speaking personally she was sympathetic with our request for a full exemption but felt the bill gave us enough limited exemptions to be tolerable.

9. (Confidential - JMM) Called Bill Hildenbrand, Administrative Assistant to Minority Leader Hugh Scott, regarding the Ervin bill problem. He said Senator Scott had attended the conference on the 20th and was optimistic that the Ervin bill rider would be dropped at the last possible moment in the face of steadfast resistance to it among some of the House conferees. He said that all of the "liberals" are determined to pass the bill extending the life of the Civil Rights Commission, and in order to insure its passage would be willing to sacrifice the Ervin bill.

10. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. John Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and gave him the text of the cablegram concerning regulation of opium cultivation in Laos which had been read to him by telephone in Bangkok during his recent trip to the Far East. I also gave him a page-size map of the triborder area of Burma, Thailand and Laos with the traditional poppy growing areas of the golden triangle set forth on the map.

11. (Confidential - GLC) met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and Herbert Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, to discuss action which might be taken in connection with the Ervin bill. See Memorandum for the Record.

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